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"THEY REHEARSED ALL THINGS THAT GOD HAD DONE WITH THEM"

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GENERAL MATTER

Forgiveness

My heart was weary, for its trust had been
Abused, its kindness answered with foul
wrong;
So, turning gloomily from my fellow-men,
One summer Sabbath day I strolled among
The green mounds of the village burial place,
Where, pondering how all human love and
hate
Find one sad level, and how, soon or late,
Wronged and wrong-doer, each with meek-
ened face
And cold hands, folded over a still heart,
Pass the green threshold of our common
grave,
Whither all footsteps tend, whence none
depart,
Awed for myself, and pitying my race,
Our common sorrow, like a mighty wave,
Swept all my pride away, and trembling
I forgave.—*Whittier.*

The Prophetic Dream of a Heathen King

THE FUTURE REVEALED THROUGH THE PROPHETS

As we scan the history of this world, we note that the great catastrophes and leading events have been foretold by the prophets of God. Noah preached the message of the coming of the flood for one hundred twenty years. The destruction of Sodom was revealed to Abraham and Lot before it took place. The seven years of plenty and seven years of famine in Egypt were made known to Joseph; and in Israel's later experiences we find many warnings or announcements of threatened judgments. The plan on which God deals is plainly stated by the prophet Amos. He says, "Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets."¹ These revelations which God gives through his servants, the prophets, are not always in plain, literal language. The Lord says, "I have also spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions, and used similitudes, by the ministry of the prophets."² On one occasion when

Christ had spoken many parables, the disciples came to him when he was alone and asked for an explanation. He replied, "Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables: that seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them."³ It is not that God desires to withhold the light from any honest seeker after truth; but as he has made every human being a free moral agent, he does not wish to make the truth so plain as to compel obedience from the unwilling. Therefore, he has used similitudes and parables that any of those not desiring the truth may have an excuse; while at the same time sufficient information is given the honest to lead them to right conclusions. While God desires that every individual should love the right, yet there are many who do not. "And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: that they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness."⁴ Thus we see that to the honest in heart God reveals his truth through his servants, the prophets.

NEED OF KNOWING THE FUTURE

Near the close of Christ's ministry on one occasion as they neared the city of Jerusalem, he said, "If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes. For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, and shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation."⁵ Here the Saviour says that the destruction which should come upon Jerusalem was to come because they knew not the time of

their visitation. And yet they might have known, for he gave the signs which were to precede that destruction. He said to them, "And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. Then let them which are in Judea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto."⁶ When that prediction was fulfilled, the Christians who listened to and believed in the words of Christ made their escape, so that "not one Christian perished in the destruction of Jerusalem."⁷ When the city was first surrounded by the Roman army under Cestius it was impossible to escape; but when it seemed as if the city was about to surrender, apparently without any reason, Cestius withdrew; and the Jews in general said that the Romans had given up the siege and would never return. The Christians, however, knew that Christ's words must be fulfilled; and they immediately made their escape. They had only barely reached places of safety when the Roman army returned under Titus, and all others perished in the terrible destruction which followed.

"Let men beware lest they neglect the lesson conveyed to them in the words of Christ. As he warned his disciples of Jerusalem's destruction, giving them a sign of the approaching ruin, that they might make their escape, so he has warned the world of the day of final destruction, and has given them tokens of its approach, that all who will may flee from the wrath to come."⁸ Just as certainly as none escaped the destruction of Jerusalem except by heeding the prophecy which foretold the signs of that destruction, so certainly will none escape the impending doom of this world unless they heed the prophecies relating to our time. This same lesson is taught by two other events recorded in sacred history. One is the destruction of the earth by the flood;⁹ the other, the destruction of Sodom by fire.¹⁰ In each of these cases the people received warning, but disregarded it

So to-day, thousands are saying, "There is no need of studying the prophecies;" but as in the days of Noah, and as in the days of Lot, all who did not heed the prophetic warning perished, so it will be again. For our Saviour says, "As it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; but the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed."¹¹ With these object lessons before us, we can see that if we would be saved from the destruction which will come upon this world, it is imperative that we should know the future.

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O. F. BUTCHER.

UNION

Special Winter Course

In traveling about among our churches I have often met young people who have felt their need of preparation. Some young men have said, "I attended College once with the avowed purpose of preparing to enter the work, but was forced to leave before I had the necessary training." Again I have met those whose experience qualifies them to be soul-winners, but they have not sufficient working knowledge of the English language to be effective. Still others need to study general methods of work. To all such have I listened as they urgently requested that some plan be arranged whereby they might receive a speedy fitting up for work.

Now the executive committee of the College Board has laid plans to meet this very need,—responding to the entreaties of some, and anticipating the needs of many more,—by arranging for a special winter course, beginning January 3, and continuing thereafter twelve weeks, designed for

the help of prospective ministers, Bible workers, teachers, and canvassers. It should naturally appeal to all such, as the course emphasizes the essentials, and offers help where it is most needed.

To the young men and women of this Union who are planning to enter the work soon, let me suggest that they make the question of their attendance the subject of earnest prayer. Remember that the Lord needs young men and women of training, to meet the educated classes, who are yet unwarned. Our great cities of the East are practically untouched, because we have not had workers of sufficient training to enter them.

In the foreign countries all the English and Latin fields have been entered, and those yet to be entered have very difficult languages to learn, hence the need of trained minds. Can you therefore consistently repine because the Lord does not call you into his organized work, if you fail to obtain the needed preparation? Remember that you largely have your destiny in your own hands, and God is anxious that you take a course that will qualify you to become useful workers in this cause. Twelve weeks of earnest preparation may determine your life's work. It is worth your while to make the effort. It may mean that you must alter some of your plans, but it will pay you. So please yourself and the Lord by appearing in Mount Vernon January 3. Make this your New Year's resolution, and have no regrets in the future.

JAMES E. SHULTZ,
Edu. Sec. C. U. C.

A Good Opportunity

THE winter evenings are upon us, and for the next few months many hours will be spent in reading; but what will be read?—With some it will be novels. Others will pore over the daily newspaper until their minds are so full of the reports of crime and wickedness that they can hardly sleep. People have been educated to read, and they will read something; but many of them would read better literature if it were placed before them. Now is the canvasser's opportunity. Now is the time to place thousands of volumes of our good books in the homes of the people.

We are convinced, as we go from church to church, that there are many of our people who are debating in their minds whether or not they should enter the canvassing work

and devote all their time to it. Some have a real burden for the work, but for some reason have not yet entered the field. We do not believe in doing anything rashly, and it is well to ask the Lord to open the way; but sometimes he allows little obstacles to arise in order to test us, and it is not always the best plan to wait until the way is so clear that it takes no effort on our part to do our duty. The fact is those who wait for such a time very seldom get into the work. God expects us to do our part, and quite often that part is to push ahead and open the way.

Nor is it always well to wait until one is out of a job before beginning to work for the Lord. We have known some good brethren who prayed that if the Lord wanted them in the work he would take away their regular employment; after that they seemed to rest satisfied, feeling that they had done their part. This may be the right course for some to take, but not for all. Some of the good brethren have been waiting for months and years, and are not in the work yet. Industrious people—the kind that the canvassing work needs—are very seldom out of a job. A good, industrious Seventh-day Adventist is always in demand, whatever his occupation may be, and his employer is usually perfectly willing to let him off on the Sabbath; so that if he waits until he is out of a job, he may have to wait a long time.

God usually calls busy people into his service. He called Elisha from the plough, and Elisha left his work and obeyed immediately. 1 Kings 19:19-21. And he chose the fishermen on the shores of Galilee; "and straightway they forsook their nets and followed him." Mark 1:18. To-day when God calls, men should leave the farm, the workshop, or the desk, and obey that call. In the twelfth chapter of Romans the presenting of the living sacrifice which God requires is called "our reasonable service." God is reasonable in all his requirements,—he does not ask us to do anything rashly; and in turn he expects us to be just as reasonable and not to procrastinate unnecessarily.

Now, dear reader, whoever you may be, if you have heard the call, what are you going to do? Will you obey, as Elisha and the disciples did, or will you allow yourself to be hindered by every sort of excuse until you lose all interest and another takes your place? Settle this matter with yourself.

E. R. NUMBERS, *General Agent C. U. C.*

Missionary Volunteer Day

SABBATH, January 7, 1911, has been appointed as Missionary Volunteer Day. All our churches are asked to devote the time of the regular service for that day to the consideration of young people's work. The suggestive program will appear in the *Youth's Instructor* of December 20 and the *Review* of December 22. In the *Review* of that date will also appear the three general articles called for in the program. Having God's promise in Isa. 49:25, let us lay hold on it and spend Sabbath, January 7, in special prayer and study for the work of our youth.

AT THE COLLEGE

THE enrollment of the College is now 162, that of the training school 21.

Mr. C. H. Barber of Bellevue, Ohio., visited the College recently, when his daughter May entered school at the beginning of the second term.

Professor Norman T. Lawhead is now one of the indispensable printers in the Seminary printing office.

Miss Blanche B. Beatty, of Lake View, Ohio., entered school at the beginning of the second term.

Miss Annie Bennett of Toronto, Ontario, expects to be in the College after New Year's. She is canvassing in Ontario at present.

Mrs. Carrie R. King Moon, an old teacher of Mount Vernon, was in attendance, with her husband, Elder Moon, at the Washington Council.

Mr. James W. Smith of Leesburg, O., and Mr. Paul S. Stokes of Mount Vernon, were among the students who matriculated at the opening of the new term.

Mrs. V. L. Fisher and Miss Stella Kennedy went to Chicago, Sunday, December 4, to join Dr. Fisher, who is taking a short special course in surgery since the close of the national surgeons' convention.

Elder C. F. McVagh of Nashville, Tenn., paid a short visit to the home of his brother-in-law, Mr. V. H. Cook, on his return from the Council at Washington. He also called at the College and talked to the students in chapel last Wednesday morning.

Mr. Ralph Ashton, a former student and teacher, is nursing in the city of Pittsburg this winter.

Mr. Otho Panches, '10, who was fireman at the College last year, is now acting in the same capacity in the Seminary at Washington, and you can depend upon it that the buildings are kept comfortable.

Miss Bertha Neff, an old student of the College, is spending the winter at Long Beach, California, for the benefit of her health. She writes that she is improving daily.

Miss Almeda Haughey, formerly teacher of English literature in Mt. Vernon, is now preceptress in the Loma Linda Medical College.

Mr. J. J. Marietta visited the chapel one day last week and gave the students a very pleasant and instructive talk.

Brother N. S. Miller, formerly of Academia, is book-keeper at the Fernando Academy, while his wife is matron in one of the school homes. Blair and Doris are in the school, preparing for places of usefulness in the Lord's work.

Professor N. W. Lawrence, educational secretary of the Northern Union Conference, is acting as president of the Walla Walla College while Professor Cady is on a farm taking a much needed rest.

Mrs. Clara Shepherd Ashton, a former teacher of Mt. Vernon College has recently been elected educational secretary of the West Pennsylvania Conference.

We are sorry to learn that Miss Delilah Briggs is suffering from whooping-cough, and will not be able to return to school as she had planned.

Miss Edna Cockrell, whom the older students remember, is in the Bible work in the city of Washington.

Professor J. W. Lawhead and family have removed from their Virginia home to the city of Washington. Both Professor and Mrs. Lawhead are much improved in health. Little Cecil, the favorite of all the old-time students, is now a staid young man.

Mrs. Shepherd, former preceptress of Mount Vernon College is again preceptress of Union College.

Miss Florence White, who is teaching in Souderton, Pa., spent a few days at Thanksgiving time with old friends in Philadelphia.

Miss Lula Jones, formerly of the College is completing her post graduate course in nursing in one of the city hospitals of Pittsburg.

Elder E. T. Russell called at Mount Vernon to see his daughter on his return from the General Council at Washington.

Miss Martha Poole who has been staying at the Sanitarium, recently moved back to the school home. She is at present nursing near the State Sanitorium.

The first term of the school year closed December 6. The student can hardly realize that one third of the year is already over. Two more quickly passing terms, and the whole year with its privileges, opportunities and blessings will be in the past. Let us fill these happy, fleeting hours with earnest work and kindly deeds, that we may not regret wasted moments and neglected opportunities when at last our school days have flown past us never to return.

The Young People's Work*

DEAR fellow-Volunteers: We have met here in this convention to-day for mutual advantage. We have gathered here to study and to compare notes on the young people's work.

We have been organized but a very few years. We have not long been working, and we have not much longer to work. Our time is short. Our work is world-wide. Let us therefore work with a will.

I will not take your time to tell what has been done, but will show you what we should do, and why we should do it. The great question with us to-day is not, "What shall we do?" but "Will we do anything?" Are we determined to press forward to the end?

What is our aim?—The advent

*From a paper read at the young people's convention at Camden, November 12 and 13.

message to all the world in this generation. We have been told to aim high; we could not aim higher. But are we desirous, are we anxious to hit the mark? Remember that "there is all the difference in the world between a lukewarm desire and a red-hot purpose." Let us purpose in our hearts, with a burning zeal, that we will carry this message to the world in this generation.

Yes, let us do this; but why? What motive have we?—"The love of Christ constraineth us." It is then for the love of him who died that we might live—for him we work. We are "soldiers of the cross," we are "volunteers" for Jesus. We have enlisted under Immanuel's banner.

If we have started out in this warfare for Christ with the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, can we fail?

'Forever float that standard sheet,
Where breathes the foe, but falls before us;
With God's own soil beneath our feet,
And Jesus' banner streaming o'er us?'

Why then do we falter when we have nothing to fear? Why do we turn our backs when no armor is there? Armor is made for those who face the foe; not for retreating troops.

We do not fight alone. Jesus has said, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls."

Then let us remember as we go about our Father's business that trials and tribulations will come. When they do come, let us glory in these tribulations, "knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience experience; and experience hope, and hope maketh not ashamed: because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us."

"And let us not be weary in well-doing: for in due season we shall reap if we faint not." Here we see again that the promise is not to the weary, retreating ones, but to those who press ever onward. Remember also, dear fellow Volunteers, that—

"Heaven is not reached by a single bound,
But we build the ladder by which we rise
From the lowly earth to the vaulted skies,
And we mount to its summit round by round.

Step by step, not all at once, do we reach our perfect standard. Day by day, hour by hour, moment by moment, we must be on our guard against the evil one, lest at any time he take us unawares.

When we go to our neighbors' homes let us carry our Saviour with

us. Let them see that we are in reality Missionary Volunteers. Let us not be afraid to speak a word for our Saviour. He is our best and dearest friend. He loves us with a love which is past our understanding. Let us not disown or deny him, but keep close to him, as did John on the night of the betrayal. If we follow him afar off, as Peter did, we shall be in great danger. Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.

How can we help our Master best?—By doing as he did, by helping the sick—by a thousand little acts and kindnesses done for his sake. Think "what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us that we should be called the sons of God." How can we be idle? How can we stand by and see millions perishing without having known of a Saviour who died for them? Think of this, dear friends, and lay your plans to fit yourself for a place in this message. If you were offered \$1,000 per week for your services in some work as soon as you prepared yourself for the position, would you not work? I believe you would. But is not salvation more than salary?

If every Seventh-day Adventist would prepare for the spreading of this gospel, a mighty work would be accomplished. Let finances take care of themselves. Is not the laborer worthy of his hire? "If God so clothe the grass of the field which to-day is, and to-morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you?" "Behold the fowls of the air: they sow not, neither do they reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?" Can you not trust him?

Now, dear Volunteers, let us take up our work and stay at it through thick and thin, through fair weather and foul, in the front or in the rear, just where he places us. And let us remember as we labor that whatever we may do, wherever we may go, whatever we may say, our Saviour is ever present. Be careful, be prayerful, be patient, be faithful to the end.

GLENN S. DRAPER,

New London, O.

CHESAPEAKE

Educational Notes

DURING the recent Council at Washington we learned that the Chesapeake Conference stands second in the Union in respect to the number of church schools it maintains. This is

encouraging when we consider that our conference is one of the smallest in the Union; but we hope to see our school work grow more.

The enrollment of our church schools is as follows:—

Leipsic (held at Dover, Del.)	8
Forest Grove (held at Cheswold, Del.)	14
Ford's Store, Md.	25
Rock Hall, Md.	15
Total	62

Extracts from letters of teachers:—

"I do not neglect to draw the spiritual thought from lessons wherein it can be seen. I want them all to have grown—in the child language—good,—and I am constantly endeavoring to sow the seed. The Lord is very good to us all."

"Yes, I am getting along well, and like it here very much. This is a good missionary field, and I do earnestly pray that I may do a good work here."

"Our school is progressing nicely. The children are all happy, and others long to come and are coming."

The spirit of self-forgetfulness and striving to do good will make our teachers a blessing to their pupils and to the community as well. We are glad that all our schools are progressing.

"God requires a constant doing on the part of his people. When they become weary in well-doing, he becomes weary of them."—*Early Writings*.

Let us keep up the good work started along educational lines in our conference. As we carry out the instruction given on this work, God will bless with fruit. If we reject light given us, the blessing will be withheld.

"Many parents will have to render an awful account at last of their neglect of their children. . . . Children are left to come up instead of being trained up.

"Parents stand in the place of God to their children, and they will have to render an account whether they have been faithful to the little few committed to their care. Parents, some of you are rearing children to be cut down by the destroying angel unless you speedily change your course, and are faithful to them. He cannot love unruly children who manifest passion, and he cannot save them in time of trouble. Will you

suffer your children to be lost through your neglect? Unfaithful parents, their blood will be upon you, and is not your salvation doubtful with the blood of your children upon you?—children who might have been saved, had you filled your place, and done your duty as faithful parents should.”—*Review and Herald*, Mar. 28, 1893. ALICE M. FIELDBERG, Ed. Sec.

NEW JERSEY

ELDER W. C. WHITE, of California, recently visited Elder and Mrs. B. F. Kneeland at Trenton.

Among those who attended the Washington Council for considering city work were some of the New Jersey workers: Elders B. F. Kneeland, W. H. Smith, G. W. Spies, and W. G. Kneeland. The Council entered into the study of the great city problem, and the discussions should prove very beneficial to the work.

Brother A. R. Sherman, of Elizabeth, who is attending the Foreign Mission Seminary, has recently been elected missionary secretary of the Seminary church.

Never before have the needs of the great cities received such careful consideration at the hands of a large representative body of Seventh-day Adventist workers as was given to the subject at the city workers' Council. We trust that this is the beginning of better things for our city work.

Elder W. G. Kneeland remained at the Sanitarium at Takoma Park for a short course of treatment. Elder B. F. Kneeland occupied the pulpits of the Jersey City churches last Sabbath, in the absence of the pastor.

Miss Margaret Long, who has been canvassing in Jersey City, has gone to Pennsylvania for the winter.

Good reports are coming in from the “Ministry of Healing” relief campaign. Let the good work go on. This book contains the wisdom of the Great Physician, and should be in every home. Have you done your part to put it there?

Does your subscription for the *VISITOR* expire this month? If so, do not fail to renew. Send another sub-

scription also if you can. Our Union Conference paper is supported by the conference, and all should have it to read. Only one cent a week, 50 cents a year, handed to your librarian, or missionary secretary, will bring it to you.

In looking back over the record of 1910, let each one ask himself, “Have I been honest with God in tithes and offerings?” The unfaithfulness of some who profess to believe that we are living in the hour of the judgment is seriously retarding the work of God. Dollars make poor eye-glasses, and one who tries to look through them at the word of God will surely become confused and lose his bearings. Let us all clear every stumbling-stone away before the new year is ushered in.

The week of prayer, December 10-17, is the most important season of the year. We pray that it may mean much to every member of our churches, and that there may be such an outpouring of the Holy Spirit that the people of God as individuals and as churches may have power for the work before them.

THE following is a letter just received from a faithful sister, 77 years of age: “Enclosed please find check for \$23.00 for the Harvest Ingathering fund. I praise the Lord for the wonderful help he gave me. I had ten papers, but did not know that I could do anything this fall. I am 77 years old and not very well, but I said that with the Lord's help I would try. I have been able to visit only one home. I sent two or three papers by mail. See what the Lord has done. I praise his holy name. It truly is all of him. He has indeed blessed me in the Ingathering work.”

OHIO

Columbus

LAST Sabbath was a good day for the Columbus church. In presenting the plan of the special present truth series of the *Signs of the Times* I was made to rejoice at the hearty response, when twenty-two held up their hands signifying that they would take five six-month subscriptions and send the paper to the their friends and relatives. Before the close of the meeting we had taken one hundred and sixteen orders, and after the meeting two other members

who had held up their hands for five said, “Make mine ten.”

Will not our ministers and church elders take up this ideal plan and present it to their churches, and thus help to give the truth to their friends, neighbors, and loved ones?

F. H. HENDERSON, *Missionary Sec'y.*

Youngstown

THE work is moving onward here. We are working very successfully with the Harvest Ingathering *Review*. We find some who had given last year glad to help again in this work, and we receive many words of praise for the good reading in the paper. It stirs up the people and opens the way to give the bugle sound. Remember Youngstown in your prayers.

Yours in the closing work,

MRS. A. ALDERMAN.

Hamilton and Cincinnati

ELDER I. G. BIGELOW and the writer visited the Hamilton church, holding meetings Wednesday and Thursday, November 23 and 24. Although several of the members of this church have recently left Hamilton to make their homes in other places, we found the remaining brethren and sisters of good courage. The spirit of the Lord came very near to us in each meeting. In the afternoon of Thanksgiving day a number not of the faith came in and enjoyed the service with us. The Sanitarium Relief work was presented in the evening and the church voted to redouble its diligence and sell its quota in one year. A club of fifty *Life and Health* was raised and the church, already taking a club of twenty-five weekly *Signs*, is well prepared to give the light of present truth to many homes. May God add his blessing to its faithful efforts.

We next visited Cincinnati, spending three days in that large city. Our brethren here are much in need of a house of worship, which would give character to the work, and be a monument for present truth. Our first meeting was held in the Odd Fellow's Temple on the corner of Seventh and Elm Streets. After an interesting session of the Sabbath-school, Elder Bigelow spoke to the church, closing with a consecration service, in which nearly all the members rededicated themselves to the Lord's work. The Sunday meetings were held in the Knights of Pythias Hall in Cummins-ville, a suburb of Cincinnati, and al-

though the weather was decidedly inclement, the attendance was good. In the morning meeting the periodical work was taken up, and clubs of eighty-five *Life and Health* for one year and forty-four *Signs of the Times* for six months were very readily raised. In the afternoon several good papers were read on important subjects, after which the sanitarium relief work was presented, the church voting to sell its quota during the next year, the first year's work being already done. Sixty-two copies of "Ministry of Healing" were ordered in this meeting. The evening service, conducted by Elder Bigelow, proved a blessing to all. On Monday night a goodly number gathered at the home of Elder J. P. Gaede to study the selling points of "Ministry of Healing." This was a most profitable meeting, and brought courage to many.

May God bless our people in these cities, and make them a blessing to others.
J. J. MARIETTA.

Springfield

ON Sunday, December 4, a few friends of our former pastor, Elder C. C. Webster, gathered at his home with loaded baskets to give him and his family a farewell visit. A very pleasant day was enjoyed by all. One feature of the occasion was a grand snow battle between the young people, and though it could hardly be told where the victory lay, yet both sides were fully satisfied with the outcome, having earned a hearty appetite for the sumptuous dinner which was served. The afternoon was spent in friendly converse, music, and singing, and all felt on saying farewell to their pastor and his family that their last day together had been a most happy one.

Another social gathering was enjoyed by the church last Wednesday, when they met at the home of Elder and Mrs. C. T. Redfield and welcomed their incoming pastor with a package shower. MRS. NETTIE E. GRAVES.

The meetings at Coalport conducted by Elder W. E. Bidwell are gaining in interest. "Last evening" he reports December 5, "the seating capacity of the hall was taxed to its utmost. The Sabbath question has been asked for, and will be given this week."

Elders R. A. Underwood and James E. Shultz visited the Pittsburg church No. 1, Sabbath December 3. Elder Underwood will visit his aged mother in Northern Ohio on his way home

from the Council, while Elder Shultz will visit a number of the churches in West Pennsylvania before his return to Ohio.

The sad news comes from McCook, Nebraska, of the death of one of Elder B. H. House's twin boys, his family having the scarlet fever.

Brother and Sister C. A. Peterson of Norwalk spent several days of the last week in November with the members of the Coshocton church. Brother Peterson is recovering from a severe illness that has kept him away from his business for a few weeks.

Charles Dunham, field secretary, and Glenn Medairy, missionary secretary, of the West Pennsylvania Conference, were formerly well known in Ohio, the former having been a member of the Cleveland, and the latter a member of the Dayton church.

EIGHT new subscriptions for the VISITOR were recently received from one of our churches, with a request for back numbers containing Elder Butcher's articles on Bible doctrines.

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Cincinnati.....	83 79
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Clyde.....	42 54
Columbiana.....	
Columbus.....	401 54
*Conant.....	
Conneaut.....	25 00
*Convoy.....	10 00
Corsica.....	
Coshocton.....	70 70
Cygnets.....	
Dayton.....	168 94
Defiance.....	8 40
Delaware.....	
Delta.....	

Derwent.....	9 35
*Dixon.....	
Dowling.....	
Dunkirk.....	
East Liverpool.....	18 90
Elgin.....	17 14
Findlay.....	40 65
Greenspring.....	
*Gilboa.....	
Hamler.....	
Hamilton.....	87 10
Hicksville.....	
*Jackson.....	
Jefferson.....	12 00
*Kenton.....	
Killbuck.....	46 92
LaGrange.....	12 00
Lake View.....	
Laura.....	17 40
Leesburg.....	
Liberty Center.....	25 25
Lima.....	1 10
Locust Point.....	
Mansfield.....	22 47
Marion.....	53 58
Massillon.....	
Medina.....	
Mendon.....	
Middlefield.....	14 53
Mount Vernon.....	390 80
Newark.....	39 47
New Marshfield.....	25 00
Norwalk.....	56 00
New Philadelphia.....	
Pemberville.....	
Piqua.....	
Pleasant Hill.....	27 05
*Plimpton.....	
Powell.....	
Ravenna.....	
*Reedsville.....	
Rows.....	
Sherwood.....	
*Shreve.....	
Spencer.....	
Springfield.....	258 85
Toledo.....	74 82
Troy.....	
Van Wert.....	3 00
Walnut Grove.....	
Washington C. H.....	199 00
Waterford.....	11 90
*West Mansfield.....	
Wheelersburg.....	51 70
Wilmington.....	87 31
Youngstown.....	21 79
Zanesville.....	38 26
Individuals.....	22 66

TOTAL.....\$2,769 58

*Companies

TOTAL RECEIPTS, ALL SOURCES

NOVEMBER, 1910

Tithe.....	\$2,769 58
Tract Society.....	1,028 26
Sabbath-school Donations.....	243 53
First Day Offerings.....	77 81

Canvassers' Reports

East Pennsylvania, Four Weeks Ending December 2, 1910

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
G. Jenkins, Lackawanna		PG	8	34	5	15 00	10 10	25 10	
F. A. Evans	"	DR	8	65	7	20 00	2 25	22 25	63 75
J. Lichty, Lehigh		GC	15	113	41	135 00	9 50	144 50	1 00
J. F. Phillip, Scranton		Misc				88 75		88 75	33 80
W. P. Hess, Lancaster		CK	20	167	68	109 50		109 50	
F. H. Barto			4	37	22	25 50		25 50	
Totals			55	416	143	\$393 75	\$21 85	\$415 60	98 55

Ohio, Week Ending December 2, 1910

F. E. Hankins, Jefferson Co.	DR	3	22	15	37 00	9 85	46 85	
H. Kirk, Jefferson Co.	DR	3	22	14	35 00	6 25	41 25	1 50
J. Randolph, Marion	DR		13		12 00	14 95	26 95	12 75
Ray Corder, Monroe Co.	GC	5	37	13	41 00	4 50	45 50	3 00
Enos M. Horst, Hocking Co.	GC	5	45	8	25 00	3 75	28 75	3 75
F. Spangler, Clinton Co.	GC	2	17	3	9 00		9 00	
L. H. Waters, Athens Co.	BF	5	38	49	59 50		59 50	
H. Forsythe, Monroe Co.	BF	4	34	20	21 50	3 00	24 50	
Totals		27	38	122	\$240 00	\$42 30	\$282 30	\$21 00

West Virginia, Week Ending December 2, 1910

T. M. Butler, Marion Co.	GC	5	36	10	34 00	15 70	49 70	
W. Fleisher	DA	2	9	5	19 00	17 00	36 00	8 50
H. Smith, Harrison Co.	DR			8	24 00	5 05	29 05	43 60
F. Wagner, Harrison Co.	DR	5	38	11	34 00	6 00	40 00	59 00
Totals		12	83	34	\$111 00	\$43 05	\$154 75	\$106 10

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending December 2, 1910

A. Brownlee, Butler Co.	GC	5	46	36	52 00	15 20	67 20	17 70
Miss Midkiff, Beaver Co.	SP	5	33	15	16 00	1 90	17 90	1 90
Adeline Zoerb, Beaver Co.	SP	5	32	7	7 00	1 30	8 30	8 00
Agnes Zoerb, Beaver Co.	SP	5	34	7	9 00	2 50	11 50	9 72
Totals		20	145	65	\$84 00	\$20 90	\$105 90	\$37 35

Chesapeake, Week Ending November 25, 1910

Maryland

†Mrs. Whaley, Frederica, Del.	GC	5	24	3	10 00	1 50	11 50	1 50
J. Paden, Westport	CK	2	12	9	9 50	2 00	11 50	
W. Durst, Lonaconing	CK	2	11	4	4 50	1 75	6 50	
W. Wright, New Castle Co., Del	CK	3	16	12	14 50	1 10	15 60	
Mrs. J. Chappell, W're's't'r Cr.		1				1 60	1 60	
Totals		13	63	28	\$38 50	\$7 95	\$46 45	\$1 50

Virginia, Week Ending November 25, 1910

K. Oertley, Wytheville	CK	12	12	13 00			8 75
*C. N. Hewitt		110					313 50
Totals		122	12	\$13 00		\$1 50	\$322 25

†Two weeks

*Delivered in September

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$1006.50 Deliveries, \$586.75

Foreign Missions	98 79
Mount Vernon College Fund	25 55
\$300,000 Fund	227 28
Sanitarium Relief Fund	
M. V. C. Tank Fund	19 53
Mission Review	44 62
Religious Liberty	5 00
Southern Field	1 00
China	5 00
Missionary Volunteer Society	4 60
Annual Offering	2 53
City Work	1 40
Colored Work	26 24
Blind Fund	12 60
Tent Fund	
Orphans and Aged	2 25
Tent and Hall Donations	12 31

TOTAL.....\$4,607 88

H. D. HOLTOM, Treas.

COMPARATIVE RESULTS FOR 11 MONTHS
ENDING NOVEMBER, 1910

AVERAGE monthly tithe for 1910	\$2,574 20
Average monthly tithe for 1909	2,464 34
Full amount paid by Ohio on \$300,000 fund	967 19
Per cent of full quota	9.9
Total of funds received for missions	6,685 50
Ohio's quota ten-cent-a-week fund, 12 months	11,627 20
Per cent of full quota received	57.5
Present result compared to ten cents a week	.0534

H. D. HOLTOM, Treas.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

PROFESSOR H. R. SALISBURY spoke last Sabbath to a very large and interested audience in the First Philadelphia church. At the close of the service \$53.00 was raised for foreign missions. His visit was very much enjoyed.

Brother John Conway, one of the charter members of the North Philadelphia church, died last Wednesday morning of nephritis. The funeral service was conducted at his home by Brother B. M. Heald, pastor of the church, in the presence of a large concourse of relatives, friends, and neighbors.

Sister B. M. Heald has been permitted to go through the City Hall of Philadelphia, soliciting in behalf of the Harvest Ingathering. This is indeed a rare privilege, as this courtesy has never been extended to any other denomination.

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Elder W. H. Heckman met with the Allentown church last Sabbath. He reports a very interesting meeting with that company. The Ingathering campaign there is meeting with good success, Brother Baumgartner, the elder of the church, alone having secured more than \$40.00.

We have received some very encouraging reports from the Lebanon church. Brother Hirlinger, who has been working there in the interests of the Ingathering, says this church is taking hold with a zeal and enthusiasm which will surely mean success.

Brother R. V. Smith, elder of the Harrisburg church, reports an experience with a business man with reference to the special Review. Last year he had mailed him a paper, at the same time asking him for a donation, but had received a reply that he was not interested. This year, Brother Smith went to him in person, gave him a paper, and told him that the object was the same as last year. The man said he had not much ready money, but if \$10.00 would do him any good he was welcome to it. This was a pleasant surprise. We are glad to see the leaders of our churches taking such an interest in this year's Ingathering campaign.

Almost 3,000,000.

WE have just completed some very interesting statistics concerning the circulation of our ten-cent magazines from January 1909 to November 1910. During these twenty-two months, the total sales of ten of these magazines have amounted to 2,948,615 copies, — valued at \$294,861.60.

Through the silent, steady circulation of these magazines, the reading

world is becoming better and better acquainted with our views on health and temperance, religious liberty, and the cardinal points of our faith. Where we now have one agent, we should have scores. The work of selling these magazines is both pleasant and profitable. The wages earned by our magazine agents are higher than those of the average Seventh-day Adventist.

The great variety of subjects considered in these magazines makes it easy for the beginner to select one which appeals to him, and which he therefore can sell most successfully.

Write to your conference tract society office for sample copies and terms to agents. The best feature of this work you will find to be the spiritual uplift gained by meeting with the people as you go from door to door with these truth-laden messages of love and warning. Write to-day! A. J. S. BOURDEAU, *Missionary Sec'y Gen. Conf. Publishing Dep't.*

How You Can Help

WATCH the newspapers and magazines that you read, for any item relating to the question of religious liberty, and then send on to us marked copies of such publications, or clippings from them. We especially wish the names and addresses of the persons who are mentioned in the reports of these events, in order that we may correspond with them and supply them with appropriate literature.

The minds of people who are thinking along the line of religious legislation can be impressed more easily than those of people who are not concerned either way.

The items which we wish you to be on the lookout for are such as these: reports of Sunday closing crusades, reports of arrests for Sunday work, reports of conventions or other meetings where Sunday legislation is touched upon, court decisions affecting liberty of conscience, the Bible in the public schools, freedom of speech and of the press, the movement for the federation of the churches, indications of a purpose on the part of Protestants and Catholics to join hands in bringing about religious legislation, religious bills introduced into state legislatures, striking statements of clergymen or statesmen for or against freedom of conscience.

If you will take up this work, you will greatly facilitate the work which this department was organized to carry on, and every effort put forth

in this direction will be greatly appreciated by us. For us to patronize a regular clipping bureau is quite expensive; but if our brethren and sisters throughout the field will help us in the manner suggested, we shall have a very valuable clipping bureau at a very little expense to the cause.

In sending clippings be sure to write the name and date of the paper on the margin of the clipping. Address, Religious Liberty Assn., Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

K. C. RUSSELL, *Sec'y.*

C. M. SNOW, *Corresponding Sec'y.*

Loma Linda Medical College

THE College of Medical Evangelists, recently established at Loma Linda, Cal., is the only institution of its kind among Seventh-day Adventists. Its object is stated in the following resolution passed last year by the General Conference Committee:—

“Resolved, That we recognize the Loma Linda College of Evangelists as a special training school for medical missionary workers for the world-wide field, and encourage it to maintain and strengthen its efforts to provide a course of study for the training of workers, combining the qualifications of the highly trained nurse with those of the practical evangelist.”

The school is designed to develop three classes of medical missionaries: well qualified nurses to work as evangelists; persons to be qualified with the ability of physicians, to labor as evangelists; fully accredited physicians with recognition, to stand at the head of the work.

This and much more concerning the history of the institution and its work is set forth in a little booklet which may be had by addressing a card to the College of Medical Evangelists, Loma Linda, Cal., or to Dr. W. A. Ruble, president of the college. A calendar of the school will also be sent to anyone requesting it.

OBITUARIES

HAZEN.—Mrs. Sarah A. Hazen died at her home at Pleasant Hill, Ohio, December 1, 1910, aged 65 years, 7 months, and 17 days. Death came to her after an illness of only ten minutes. Sister Hazen united with the Adventist church at Pleasant Hill, when it was first organized by Elder Gilford. She leaves an aged husband and one daughter to mourn her loss. Words of comfort were spoken from Rev. 14:13 to a well filled church, and she was laid to rest in the nearby churchyard to await the coming of the Life-giver.

W. E. BIDWELL.